

November 9, 2025

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

Remembrance

By Miguel Angel Labolida

Opening Sentences

One: This is the day that God has made!

Many: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Centering Words

Opening Song

Come As You Are
Lenora and Gary Rand

Led by Hans Ericson
and Daniel Belnavis



Call to Worship

One: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

Many: **is humbled to become one of us.**

One: The God who is more loving that our hearts dare imagine,

Many: **gives us more grace than we ever realize.**

One: The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

Many: **teaches us all we need to become God's children. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ is with each of you.

Many: **And also with you!**

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Children's Moment

Rev. Karma Cloud

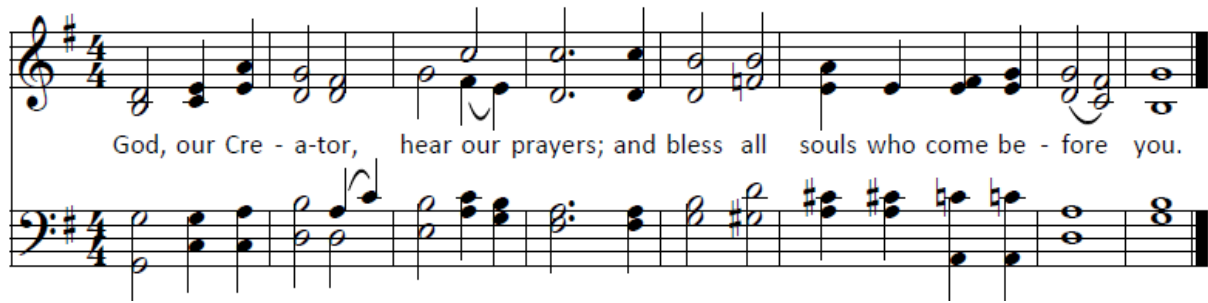
Stewardship Moment

Brooks Family

Offertory

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Sung Preparation for Prayer *God, Our Creator*



Prayers of the People

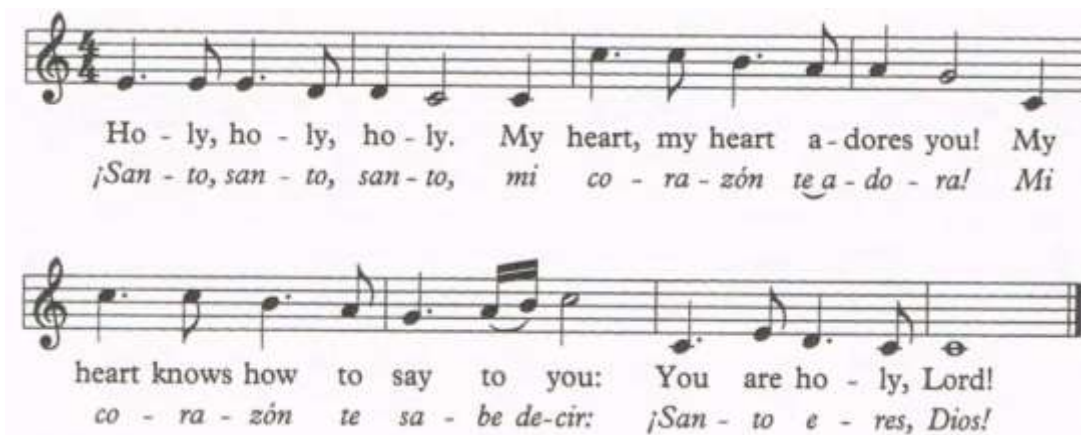
Response: One: God in your mercy,
Many: hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come.
Your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kin-dom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response to Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy/ Santo, Santo, Santo
(first in English, then in Spanish)



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

One: May God's wonder be revealed to us through the mystery of these words.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Holy Wind Telephone" Rev. Rusty Eidmann-Hicks

Anthem

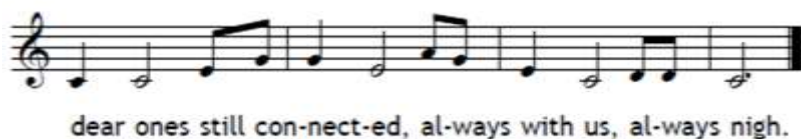
We Remember Them
By Elaine Broad

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Song

May The Circle Be Unbroken
Ada R. Habershon, words adapted by JKM



The Closing Commission

One: The spirit of God is upon us.

Many: God has anointed us
to bear good news to the afflicted,
to bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim freedom to the captives,
to open the prisons of those who are bound.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ to bring
peace into broken relationships, healing to
alienated persons, action to protect our planet,
and justice into oppressive structures. AMEN.

Benediction

Postlude

The Road Home
By James Michael Stevens

SERVICE NOTES

Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.

Worship Leaders: Rev. John Rogers and Rev. Rusty Eidmann-Hicks

Reader: Joseph Smith

Ushers: Victor Peterson & Cindy Wills

Coffee Hour Co-Hosts: Dawn Colapietro, Rebecca Dahmen, Patti Desmond &
Barbra Murtha

Coffee Hour Setup Team: Steve Cutaia and Tim Duhamel

Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers

AV Techs: Brandon Jean-Philippe and Jason Jinson

An anonymous gift has been given to the Food Bank to feed the hungry.

You can make a donation or sustaining gift online at any time!

There are many ways to give to FCC each Sunday. You can easily set up your sustaining gift, your Sunday Offering, or a one-time contribution ...using our new Church Center service.

ONLINE: Scan the QR Code below or go to <https://fccmtc.churchcenter.com/giving>

CHECK: If you give by check it must be made out to “First Congregational Church,” (not “FCC”) and can be put in the offertory basket, or mailed to:
40 So. Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ, 07042. *Thank you.*



Upcoming Events

Important Congregational Meeting November 16 after worship

All members and friends of the church are strongly encouraged to attend our congregational meeting. We will discuss important current financial issues and plans that will affect the future of our church.

FCC & Peace Islands Thanksgiving November 19, 6-8pm in the Guild Room

Join us for our Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner with our Muslim Friends from Peace Islands! Peace Islands will provide the turkeys and the baklava. If you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert please sign up ASAP so we know how many dishes to expect, and for planning purposes. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/thanksgiving11-19> to sign up, to help with set up & clean up, and to RSVP. We respectfully request no dishes with gelatin or alcohol. Contact Deb Duhamel at debbieduhamel@hotmail.com or 857-891-0951 with any questions.

Qigong at FCC, November 20, 6:30pm in the Guild Room

Come practice some qigong with FCC member, Joanne Kornoelje.

Turkey & Thanksgiving Food Drive - Sunday, Nov 23, 9am-1pm at FCC

We will be partnering with Community Food Bank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) to collect Thanksgiving foods for those in need.

Most needed items: Turkey (MUST BE FROZEN and brought directly to the collections truck on the day of the Drive!), Canned Yams, Gravy (packs and cans), Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mixes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Canned Fruits, Juice/Instant Coffee/Tea, and Boxed Desserts (be sure to check the expiration date). Please, no glass containers. All food donations can be dropped off at the truck in front of the church on Nov 23. However, if you're not able to, then you can drop non-perishable items off on Sunday 11/9 and Sunday 11/16. Please mark the bags "Thanksgiving Food Drive" and leave them next to the shopping cart in the Narthex. (Please do not place them in the cart—that food is for the little free food pantry donations only.) Volunteers Needed: sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/volunteerturkeydrive>.

Green Team Fall Stroll

Join FCC's Green Team Ministry for a fall stroll around the Orange Reservoir Loop on Nov.15 at 2:00 pm. Contact greenteam@fccmtc.com for details & RSVP info.

Ongoing Events

Weekly Wednesday Labyrinth Walks 11am—1pm

Each Wednesday our labyrinth is open for spiritual walking. No experience necessary!

The Searcher's Bible Study on Zoom each Thursday Eve at 7pm

FCC member, Rev. Victor Peterson, will lead an engaging exploration of our scriptures each Thursday evening on Zoom.

Women of a Certain Age conversation group first Friday, 11am-1pm in FCC library

We are a group of women, roughly over the age of 65, maybe retired, who gather for conversation and friendship. Questions? See Rev. Heather Cherrey, or email her at revcherrey@optonline.net.

Underground Church—Saturday, November 22, 10:30am in the Sanctuary — Usually meets every third Saturday

An intimate and interactive worship experience that harkens back to the early church.

**Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) LGBTQ+ Gathering—Sundays weekly after worship in Room 5
(Parents Room)**

We chat about life, spirituality, and whatever else comes up! If you are interested in joining this group, please text Lex at 856-332-7448.

Green Team Ministry Meeting, (2nd Sundays) 12-1pm in the FCC Library

Learn about FCC's climate justice initiatives, be part of planning our events, and live your faith by taking action for the planet.

*For more details check the calendar on our “Upcoming Events” page:
<https://fccmontclair.org/upcoming-events-at-fcc/>*